THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) During each of the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 expenditure of Rs. 237.99 lakhs, Rs. 149.77 lakhs and Rs. 65.12 lakhs respectively was incurred.

(b) and (c) The Potteru Irrigation Project in Orissa is under execution. It is likely to be completed by 1996. As its revised project estimates are yet to be sanctioned, Central expenditure under the Dandakaranya Scheme during the last three years has been only on making good the deficienies identified in the assets of the Dandakaranya Project, already trasferred to the States.

Assistance from Asian Development Bank for Coal Handling Project at Paradip Port

*517. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Asian Development Bank has offered any assistance for the implementation of the Coal Handling Project at the Paradip Port; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Asian Development Bank have expressed their willingness to provide a loan of $ 285 million for Paradip-Ennore Coal Transportation Project which includes $ 134.85 million for creation of mechanised coal handling facilities at Paradip Port.

Operation of RETINITIES PIGMENTESA

*518. DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of successful operation of RETINITIES PIGMENTESA by the doctors of Apollo Eye Institute Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of success of this operation;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start this kind of operation at Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthelmic Sciences, New Delhi;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) to (e): Retinitis Pigmentosa is a hereditary disease leading to abnormal pigmentation of the ratine. The Apollo Eye Research Institute, Hyderabad has been offering medial and surgical treatment for this disease designed at a Medical complex at Moscow; they nave claimed significant improvement in about 25 per cent of the cases treated by them.

The Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences of AIIMS, New Delhi has no proposal to introduce a similar line of treatment as according to them no published data in English is available covering the technical aspects of operation of its success rate.

आपातकालीन अस्पतालों की स्थापना

*519. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या सरकार दिल्ली में सड़कों पर निरंतर बढ़ते यातायात को ध्यान में रखते हुए दुर्घटनाग्रस्त व्यक्ति को तुरन्त उठाकर उसे चिकित्सा के लिए विशेष रूप से बनाए गए आपातकालीन अस्पतालों में पहुंचने को किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो ऐसे आपातकालीन अस्पतालों की स्थापना कब तक कर लिए जाने की सम्भावना है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री (श्री एम. एल. फोतेदार) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीकृत दुर्घटना और अभिघात सेवा योजना जून, 1989 से चल रही है और 19 अम्बुलेंस दुर्घटनाओं के कारण लगी चोट से ग्रस्त व्यक्तियों को उठाने और उन्हें आपातकालीन अस्पताल परिचर्या के लिए ले जाने हेतु सेवाएं प्रदान कर रही हैं। यह योजना पश्चिम दिल्ली में शुरू की गई थी और राजधानी में अन्य क्षेत्रों को इसके अन्तर्गत शामिल करने हेतु इसका क्रमिक रूप में विस्तार किया जाना है । अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान से अनुबद्ध एक दुर्घटना और अभिघात परिचर्या परिसर स्थापित करने के एक प्रस्ताव को सिद्धान्ततः स्वीकार किया गया है और इसके ब्यौरे तैयार किए जा रहे हैं । इस दौरान, दिल्ली के उन प्रमुख अस्पतालों में जहां विकलांग और तंत्रिक विज्ञानी विशिष्टताएं मौजूद हैं, दुर्घटना के शिकार हुए व्यक्तियों को आपाती परिचर्या सुविधाएं पहले ही प्रदान की जा रही हैं।

Supply of monoblock concrete sleepers

*520. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI:

SHRI RATAN RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Central Railway and other railway departments have recently placed orders for the supply of monoblock concrete sleepers with M/s. V.S. Engineering, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad which came into existence on 6th April, '92. If so, the details thereof including the total value of the contract money advanced to the party and the rate at which the order has been placed.

(b) the rate of other firms which supplied the same item in 1991 and so far in 1992 together with the date of placing the orders to those firms; and

(c) whether M/s. V.S. Engg. is also getting transfer of some works allotted to other companies and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) M/s. V. S. Engineering, Himayat Nagar, Hyderabad, have not been awarded any contract directly by the Railways for supply of concrete sleepers. However, one contract for manufacture and supply of 2.5 lakh nos. of concrete sleepers awarded by South Central Railway originally to M/s. Rayalseema Concrete Sleepers (P) Ltd. has been assigned in favour of M/s. V.S. Engineering, through a tripartite agreement signed on 10-7-92. The total value of the contract is Rs. 3.75 crores approx. No money has been advanced to the firm by the Railway. The contract rate is Rs. 139.00 per sleepar, excluding taxes.

(b) Details are as follows:

Firm	Date of order	Comparative rate at same input levels of cement and labour rate s as in the case of M/s. F. S. Engineering.
1. M/s. Mysore Structural Ltd., Hafizpet. . .	2-8-91	Rs. 174·00
2. M/s. CPCC, Kondapalli.	17-7-91	Rs. 182·00
3. M/s. Rayalseema Concrete Sleeper, Timmancharela.	4-12-91	Rs. 168·00
4. M/s. Raghvendra Prestress Products (P) Ltd. Mantralayam Road.	3-12-91	Rs. 165·00
5. M/s. Laxmi Prestress Concrete Works (P) Ltd. Hasanparty Rd.	22-6-88	Rs. 137·00*
6. M/s. Coromandal Concrete Products (P) Ltd., Kovvur.	31-12-86	Rs. 144·00*
7. M/s. V.S. Engineering, Hyderabad. . .	10-7-92	Rs. 139·00*

*These firms are not required to make any investments on preference of High Tensile State.